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**Drug Analysis Laboratory Monthly Status Report**

**October, 2009**

**Amherst and Jamaica Plain (combined)**

Cases* submitted to the laboratories this month.....	1031
Number of items* contained in these cases.....	1917
Cases analyzed by the laboratories this month.....	940
Number of items analyzed this month.....	1526
Number of vegetable matter items returned untested.....	407
Laboratories' backlog (Items).....	11480
Average time per analysis (turnaround time).....	184 days
Number of preliminary/priority analyses performed.....	287

**Analysis Backlog**

Unanalyzed items in the laboratory on the last day of the month

1-15 days old	756	7%
16-30 days old	1035	9%
31-50 days old	1274	11%
Greater than 50 days	8415	73%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11480</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* A CASE refers to all the evidence gathered from an incident or arrest that is related to one or more defendants. Each case may contain one or more ITEMS of different appearance and/or composition, e.g. marijuana, cocaine, heroin.

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**Analysis Profile**

Time in the laboratory for items analyzed this month

1-15 days	49	3%
16-30 days	31	2%
31-50 days	214	14%
Greater than 50 days	1232	81%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1526</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Totals for Drugs of Interest**

<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
Marijuana	250
Cocaine	350
Heroin	221
Others	705
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1526</b>

**Trafficking Items Analyzed**

<b>Drug Type</b>	<b>Number of Items</b>
Heroin	12
Cocaine	24
Oxycodone	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>

**Calendar Year (2009) Totals through the End of the Month**

Items Submitted	21863
Items Analyzed	21946 (does not include 2435 untested vegetable matter items)